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TSUMAMI - Relief organizations provide, receive support

The State Department established a 24-hour task force with a toll-free number, (888) 407-4747, to respond to the crisis. Up-to-date information is also available at <<http://travel.state.gov>> or by calling 317-472-2328 for inquiries from overseas. The State Department continues to monitor the welfare of American citizens affected by this disaster and is providing updated information on the conditions of the affected areas.

The donations allow agency professionals to procure exact items needed, reduce the burden on scarce resources, such as transportation routes and warehouse space, and support the economy of the disaster-stricken region.

The III Marine Expeditionary Force and Joint Task Force-536 will be engaged in supporting any regional relief operations by providing possible lift, rescue and humanitarian efforts.

More information on making donations and volunteering can be found at www.interaction.org <<http://www.interaction.org>> or www.reliefweb.org <<http://www.reliefweb.org>>.